

GERMANS TAKE KOVNO

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FORTS ARE TAKEN BY TEUTONS ALSO

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TURKS ENGAGE ALLIES
Zeppelins again Raid the Outskirts of City of London with Deadly Effect.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The following official announcement was made here today: "The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material, which has not been determined, has been in German hands since last night. More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians."

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The fall of the Russian fortress of Kovno, announced officially in Berlin today, makes a development of unmistakable importance in the great struggle between the Russians and their opponents. The news from Berlin yesterday that some of the outlying forts had been taken indicated that the situation of the Russian defenders was a desperate one, so that London was prepared for today's announcement, although hardly expecting it. The Russian army apparently have not been able to reorganize sufficiently to check the Austro-German advance which is being pushed steadily against the ring of strong Russian fortresses which form the outer defense to the Petrograd province. The armies of the central powers show no disposition to relax pressure on the eastern front nor are they likely to do so until they have tried once to separate the Russian northern and southern armies and capture Brest-Litovsk.

News from Turkish sources that the new landing party on the Gallipoli peninsula, near Sulva bay, has been engaged heavily is confirmed in an official report today from General Hamilton, the British commander at the Dardanelles, stating that the British left had 11,000 men of ground, including a Turkish trench General Hamilton also reported the repulse of determined Turkish attacks against the Australian positions. Little change is reported in the diplomatic situation in the near East. Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, who asked for four days in which to study conditions before deciding to form a new cabinet, is believed to have arrived at an understanding with King Constantine, but it is not considered probable that the result will be the early entry of Greece into the war on the side of the entente allies. The outskirts of London were raided last night by Zeppelins. Ten persons were killed and 36 injured. The damage to property was not important. Four Zeppelins were sighted off the Netherlands coast, according to an Amsterdam despatch.

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Operated on in a Baltimore Hospital, Though Low, is Expected to Recover.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 18.—The wives of two prominent West Virginia surgeons one of whom is a sister of Congressman James A. Hughes, of the Fifth congressional district of West Virginia, are patients at Dr. Howard A. Kelly's private sanitarium, 1418 Eutaw Place. One of them underwent a surgical operation and is reported to be improving, and the other is receiving radium treatment for an ailment affecting her nerves.

The patients are Mrs. A. K. Kessler, of the owner of the Kessler hospital of Huntington, who was operated upon and Mrs. T. Vinson, wife of Dr. Kessler's assistant, who is a sister to Congressman Hughes. Mesdames Vinson and Kessler were recently brought to this city when their ailments became such that expert treatment was imperative. After her operation Mrs. Kessler sank and for a time it looked as though she would not live. A few days later she rallied and her recovery is now expected.

BUYS DODGE CAR.

Lewis A. Law, of Auburn, has been in the city for a few days for the purpose of buying an automobile. It was only after looking them over that he finally decided the Dodge car, sold by the Standard Garage Company on Second street, was the best for the money. He bought it.

AUNT DIES.

Mr. and Mrs. William Quinn, of Point Comfort, will go to Newark, O., Thursday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. William Floyd, who died at her home there Tuesday night after a long illness.

HEALTH BOARD FEARS EPIDEMIC MAY RECUR

sailing from the East in the direction of the English coast. The hour of their appearance is not stated.

PLACED UNDER BOND.

Gerard Murphy, a resident of Broad Oaks, was placed under a \$500 bond to keep the peace for six months Tuesday evening, when he was tried in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court on a charge of assaulting and beating Gladys Stutler, a seven-year-old girl of the same place. Murphy furnished the bond and was released.

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UNCLE SAM, MIRACLE WORKER, MAKES BUSINESS MEN SOLDIERS



Business men receiving first lessons in care and use of rifle.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—On a broad, white streamer hung between two poles, before a long row of khaki tents, passengers to and from this city on the Delaware and the Hudson may see the words in great black letters, "Military Instruction Camp." It is a simple streamer, but smaller use the words in the main traveled highway into Plattsburg and the Saranac Lake country.

The sign should read, "Miracle Workers' Camp." That is what all the tourists would agree on, if the stopped for a few hours in the camp just south of Plattsburg that is better known as the military training camp of the United States army for business and professional men. For here, in this ideal-

located site on the shores of Lake Champlain, a miracle has truly been wrought. The more one sees of it, the more one is amazed, and those who have followed the progress of the business men here to learn the duties of a military officer have probably been unable to credit fully all that has been accomplished.

It does not seem possible that 1,200 lawyers, bankers, manufacturers, biologists, doctors and others of similar stamp could be assembled from office and factory—at least 50 percent of them without any knowledge whatsoever of a rifle, at least eighty per cent of them without any previous military experience, and virtually 100 per cent of them soft and flabby from years of sedentary living—and that from these could be made, in a little more than a week a body in which

ALLEGED FRAUD IS REVEALED BY POLICE

"Local Business Men" Mentioned in Attempt at Gigantic Swindle.

Because a fuse attached to a keg of powder burned out before the spark reached the explosive, a freight car of a Baltimore and Ohio train did not blow up, and several persons, who are said to be high in the business and social life of Clarksburg, are out between \$1,000 and \$2,000, according to information given out by Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks, Wednesday morning. The chief is co-operating with detectives, who are in the city investigating the alleged plot.

It is said that the car was loaded at the local freight station with cement and barrels of straw, and that the shippers, who are said to be prominent local business men, were contents of the car at \$17,000. Then it is alleged, a keg of powder, with fuses attached, was placed in the center of the car and the match touched to the fuse just before the train of which the car was a part, left the local station. Chief Brooks says the conspirators expected the powder to explode, thus causing the destruction of the car. Then, he says, a claim would have been entered against the railroad company for \$17,000. As the contents of the car were really worth only \$1,000 or \$2,000, the conspirators would have made \$15,000 if they were successful in securing the payment of their claim.

The car was consigned to a New York firm, whose name was not made public, and who, the police believe, was a party to the conspiracy. Detectives, who are thought to be working in the interest of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, are working on the case. Chief of Police Brooks is co-operating with the sleuths, and some interesting developments are promised in the next few days.

CHARITY FUND.

MUNICH, Germany, Aug. 18.—To celebrate their silver wedding anniversary, the prince and princess of Thurn and Taxis, in Regensburg, have created a charity fund of 500,000 marks for the benefit of the inhabitants of Regensburg.

SILAS FITTRO IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent Retired Farmer of Salem Passes Away at Advanced Age.

Silas Fittro, well-to-do farmer of Salem and member of a prominent Harrison county pioneer family, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home at Salem after an illness of a year, at the age of 82.

The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Friday forenoon with a service at the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem and burial in the Old Fellows cemetery there.

Surviving Mr. Fittro are his second wife, who was formerly Miss Flint, and eight children born of his first wife, who was a Miss James and who died years ago. The children are, in the order of their birth, as follows: J. O. Fittro, of Salem; Mrs. Carrie Morrison, of Wilsonburg; Mrs. D. B. Wilkinson, of Uniontown, O.; N. B. Fittro, of Wilsonburg, N. Y.; Miss Minnie Fittro and John Fittro, at home; and Fred G. Fittro, of Ellerslie, Md.

For many years Silas Fittro operated a farm on Patterson's fork of Tenmile creek about two miles south of Salem, but the last several years he resided at Salem.

Silas Fittro was of German origin and a son of Joseph Fittro, who came from Pennsylvania to Harrison county at an early date as one of the county's first settlers. For what is now known as O'Neil but later in life went to Ohio with several of his children and died there when well advanced in years. Many of his descendants are now living in Harrison county, where they are classed among the best people. Silas Fittro's maternal grandfather was Jacob Gaines, who was also an early settler of this county. He resided on Gregory's run until his death. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Silas Fittro was the oldest son and child of Martin and Katherine Fittro, of O'Neil, now dead. The other children of his father's family were: Minerva, wife of Norval Swiger; Almira, wife of John J. Strother; Dexter, Edmund, Luther, Samuel, Missoir, wife of Peter Ash; and Elbridge and Hester. The last died young. The others are all dead except Edmund, who resides at O'Neil.

COURT RECESS.

The county court took a recess Tuesday evening until Friday morning.

IN GREAT STORM ON TEXAS COAST

While Property Damage There is Estimated at Millions of Dollars.

WIND GROWING WEAKER

Worst is Believed to Be over and Speedy Recovery is Expected Now.

DALLAS, Aug. 18.—More than three score lives were lost and property damage estimated at millions of dollars was caused by the great tropical storm which swept the Gulf coast of Texas yesterday and the day before, according to information that today trickled through the veil that has surrounded the stricken district because of broken wire communication. Houston, Galveston and Beaumont remain practically cut off from the outside world but wire companies expected to be able to communicate with all three places before night.

Although rain was still falling in some districts the wind had lessened in velocity. Copies of yesterday's Houston newspaper received today told of the deaths of twelve soldiers and thirty or forty civilians at Texas City and said six persons were drowned at Laporte, twenty miles south east of Houston. Eight men were reported dead near Morgan's point.

Military rule, according to the Houston Chronicle, has been established at Texas City and soldiers are taking bodies from the water as fast as they can be located. Brief reports received from the army transport Buford at San Antonio gave only the most meager report of conditions at Galveston. No mention was made of loss of life but a report of demolished buildings along the water front left the inference in the minds of many that deaths resulted.

Reports from Houston brought by trainmen last night told of two or three persons killed, although other reports declared there was no loss of life. A like situation obtained in the matter of the property damage at

Houston. Conflicting reports as to the damage to property in Houston were received. Some placed it at one million dollars, some at five million dollars.

Most places in the storm district with which it was possible to communicate, reported a falling of the wind and it was believed recovery from the storm would be speedy. State officials announced they were prepared to take the situation in hand and extend help where required. Thousands of residents in the coastal plain country about Port Lavaca, 100 miles west of Galveston, are suffering, according to reports received here. The district is one of fruit and truck farms and the character of the country is such as to offer full scope to the sale. It is feared considerable loss of life may have resulted.

PROPERTY LOSS GREATER THAN IN 1900 STORM

HOUSTON, Aug. 18.—The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. R. Montgomery, a Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got as far as Virginia Point, the north end of the causeway Wednesday and viewed the wrecked city of Galveston:

"I am confident the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could see an elevator on the port side of the city and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands. I believe the property loss will be greater than that of 1900."

Montgomery made his way to the drawbridge of the Galveston causeway and owing to the fact that this structure was swept away he was forced to return to Houston. He made the trip in an automobile. "We encountered indescribable conditions," he said. "The road bridge at Clear Creek and Dickinson were washed out and we ran our automobile over the railroad bridge and across the ties. We saw thousands of bales of cotton on the prairie at the way from Virginia Point, the mainland end of the Galveston causeway to the town of La Marque, far inland. These were washed from the Galveston docks. The water must have been several feet over the causeway and serious damage must have been done to it by the washing out of large quantities of fillings in the center."

The Chronicle also reported that it received information that fifty persons are dead at Texas City but accounts for only twelve soldiers who perished when the Thompson ship there collapsed. It is said these were all private soldiers, no commissioned officers having lost their lives. The railroad drawbridge has been washed out at Seabrook, about twenty miles from Houston. Three persons are reported to have lost their lives at that point.

EIGHT MEN DROWNED WHILE OUT FISHING

MOGANS' POINT, Aug. 18.—Eight men are reported dead near this point. They were drowned while fishing. Reports received from an authentic source say that the bodies of a woman, a baby and a soldier had beached near Sylvan beach. They were unidentified and apparently floated from some place on the bay.

PHILIPPI LODGE

Of Knights of Pythias Unanimously Declares for a State Home.

PHILIPPI, Aug. 18.—Philippi Lodge of Knights of Pythias, at a largely attended meeting last night, unanimously instructed its delegates to the grand lodge convention of the state to vote for a state Pythian home. The grand lodge convention will be held here Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The local lodge is little more than a year old, but it has more than 100 members and is growing rapidly. Many of the most representative citizens of Barbour county are members of the lodge.

BAKER DROWNED.

MARTINSBURG, Aug. 18.—Albert S. Baker, aged 60, an uncle of Mayor Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, and for a number of years a business man of Washington, was drowned in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal near here at night, under circumstances which strongly suggested suicide.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Conley Mulligan was held for the action of the next grand jury and released under bail of \$500 late Tuesday afternoon in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court under a charge of violating the prohibition law by having been and whiskey in his possession.